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SUBJECT: BULGARIAN SHIPPING AND U.S. PORT REGULATIONS

REF: A) ATATE 83906; B) STATE 56713

1. EMBOFF CALLED ON DIRECTOR GENERAL UZUNOV OF BULFRACHT APRIL 23 TO DISCUSS U.S. PORT REGULATIONS AS OUTLINED REFTELS. UZUNOV IS PARTICULARLY CONCERNED ABOUT REQUIREMENT OF FOURTEEN DAYS ADVANCE NOTICE FOR PORT CLEARANCE (WHICH HE FEELS CREATES HARDSHIPS GIVEN NATURE OF SHIPPING BUSINESS) AND POSED FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

A. HOW QUICKLY ARE REQUESTS PROCESSED AND ANSWERED? HIS CONCERN IS A FRUITLESS CROSSING OF THE ATLANTIC.

B. ON WHAT BASIS CAN WAIVERS BE ISSUED? CAN THE FOURTEEN DAY REQUIREMENT BE WAIVED IF A BULGARIAN SHIP IS IN ONE PORT IN US AND RECEIVES INSTRUCTIONS TO PROCEED TO ANOTHER ALONG THE SAME COAST?

2. COMPANIES FROM OTHER COUNTRIES HAVE BEEN CHARTERING VESSELS FROM BULFRACHT WHICH ADVISES THEM OF U.S. PORT RESTRICTIONS. BULFRACHT HAS BEEN ISSUING THESE COMPANIES LIST OF APPROXIMATELY 30 U.S. PORTS (NOTABLY EXCLUDING THOSE UNCLASSIFIED

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ON GREAT LAKES) TO WHICH IT PRESUMED BULGARIAN SHIPS

WERE LIMITED. UZUNOV WOULD APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION THAT
THIS LIST NO LONGER VALID.
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